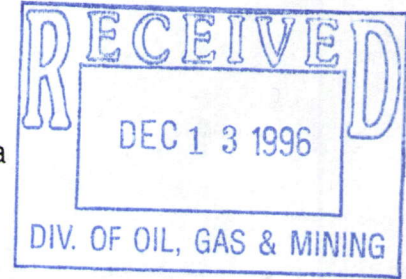




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Dear Mr. Mortensen:

We have received and reviewed to your plan of operations for expansion of the Lone Tree Wedge gypsum mine on the Hebe mining claim group and we have found the plan to be incomplete. The following items are required in order to complete the plan:

1. The plan was not signed even though there was a place for the signature on page 12.
2. On page 3, five mining claim serial numbers are listed for four mining claims on the first line under Claim Information, while the second line lists five mining claim serial numbers for one mining claim (Hebe #8). The correct mining claim serial numbers need to correspond to the right mining claim.
3. Blasting agents are usually considered to be hazardous materials, but are not listed as such on page 6. Hazardous materials used should be included as defined in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Consolidated List of Chemicals Subject to Reporting Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act." Extremely hazardous materials should also be listed as defined in Appendix A of 40 Code of Federal Regulations, 355, The List of Extremely Hazardous Substances and Their Threshold Planning Quantities. Just as long as you are aware that if a hazardous substance is not specified in your plan, it is not to be used.
4. No mention of storage of blasting agents is made on page 7. If all explosives are to be hauled in only when blasting is to be done, a statement to that effect should be made.
5. The No Trespassing sign mentioned on page 8 is incorrect, as this is considered to refer to private property. We suggest using a "Keep Out" sign instead, which does not carry the legal implications of the No Trespassing sign.

6. No mention of the width of the access road is made on page 9. A width must have been assumed in order to arrive at an acreage disturbance for the access road and the width should be spelled out.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Neil Simmons of my staff at (801) 636-3639.

Sincerely,

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